and final decision. There is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry regarding delegation of powers to state Government wherein forest land is less than 50 ha. and is required specifically for public prupose namely hospitals, school buildings, laying of pipelines, transmission lines, telephone lines etc. as the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been simplified.

Allegations Against the Managing Director of Stale farms Corporation of India

3168. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from the Members of Parliament containing serious allegations against the Managing Director of the State Farms Corporation of India, and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action has been taken thereon and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have decided to refer the case to the CBI, and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. Three Members of Parliament S/Shri Gopal K. Tandel, Shri Shibu Soren and Shri Anant D. Dave have forwarded a petition by Shri Raj Singh, President, State Farms Corporation of India Employees Union against the Managing Director, State Farms Corporation of India alleging irregularities.

(b) The complaints have been referred to a senior officer of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation for preliminary varification.

(c) No, Sir. Since the allegations are still under varification with reference to relevant records the question of further investigation by the CBI docs not arise at this stage.

Crop Insurance Claims of the Farmers of West Godavari District

3269. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether crop insurance claims of West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh made in 1995 have been settled;

(b) if so, the amount released under this account to the farmers; and

(c) the amount released to Nidamarru Mandal as crop insurance claim?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICLTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A sum of Rs. 6,01,35,276.67 has been approved by Government of India for release to the farmers of West Godavai district of Andhra Pradesh for Kharif 1995 season. Out of these claims, a sum of Rs. 1,40,63,772.28 has been approved for release to Nidamarru Mandal.

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3270. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने खुर्जा में प्लास्टिक नगरी स्थापित करने के लिए कोई योजना केन्द्रीय सरकार को पर्यावरण और औद्योगिक प्रदूषण से संबंधित कानून के अंतर्गत स्वीकृति हेतु प्रेषित की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इन उद्योगों से निकलने वाले कचरे तथा गंदे पानी से संबद्ध क्षेत्र के आस-पास के वातावरण तथा पेयजल स्त्रोतों पर कितना प्रतिकूल असर पड़ेगा;

(घ) इसके निपटान हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या व्यवस्था की गई है; और

(ङ) क्या स्थानीय लोगों ने इस योजना के प्रारंभ के बाद इन उद्योगों द्वारा होने वाले हानिकारक प्रदूषण के विरुद्ध अपना विरोध प्रकट किया है?